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SUBJECT: TURKEY FINALLY JOINS WIPO TREATIES

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[1](#)B. ANKARA 1471

[1](#)1. On August 28, after more than a year of delay, Turkey finally deposited its instruments of accession for the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty with the WIPO in Geneva, with no reservations. The treaty will enter into force on November 28, 2008. As reported in ref A, Turkey ratified the two treaties on May 8, 2007 and expected to formally join in July of that year.

[1](#)2. Although the process took much longer than anticipated, the entry into force of the two so-called "Internet" treaties is yet another positive step in Turkey's IPR enforcement regime. Taken together with the positive new programs outlined in ref B, it helps to move forward the GOT's stated intention of improving IPR protections and aligning Turkey's laws with international standards.

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